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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (previously presented) A method of retrieving product distribution information comprising:

(a) storing a plurality of agreements in computer-accessible memory where each agreement identifies a buyer, a seller and a product to be provided from said seller to said buyer,

(b) retrieving a first agreement from said computer-accessible memory, wherein the first agreement comprises information that identifies a first entity as said buyer, a second entity as said seller, and a first product as said product,

(c) processing the information retrieved for the first agreement with a computer processor, wherein the processor determines whether a second agreement stored in the computer-accessible memory identifies the second entity in said first agreement as a buyer in the second agreement, and determines whether the product in the second agreement relates to the first product in the first agreement, and returns the identity of the second agreement depending on the result, and

(d) generating a product order pursuant to the identified second agreement.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of storing a third agreement identifying the seller in the second agreement as a buyer in the third agreement, and where the product in the third agreement is related to the product in the second agreement.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said product is a stamp.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the product in the first agreement is a first product, the product in the second agreement is a second product, and the